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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT

1. WE HAVE REVIEWED YOUR REPORT OF FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES WITH INTEREST. THE QUESTIONS YOU RAISE ON PAGE FOUR CONCERNING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF USG SUPERVISION OF CONTRACTOR ACTIVITIES AND THE NEED FOR LIMITED CONTRACTING AUTHORITY, BEING CENTRAL TO THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF SFM'S OPERATIONS, WARRANT A TWO-PART RESPONSE.

2. OUR VIEWS ON THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE CONTRACTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WASHINGTON, GREENVILLE, AND SFM AND THE APPROPRIATE EXTENT OF USG SUPERVISION OF ESY EFFORTS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

3. REGARDING THE SUGGESTION THAT LIMITED CONTRACTING AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO SFM, SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW IN EFFECT SO THAT OPERATIONS NEED
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NOT BE HAMPERED BY A LACK OF SPECIFIC CONTRACTING AUTHORITY IN THE FIELD. DURING HIS OCTOBER, 1976 VISIT, LARRY PENDLETON WORKED OUT PROCEDURES TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO SFM A FUND OF DOLS 5,000, IN MONTHLY INCREMENTS OF DOLS 1,000, FOR MINOR CONSTRUCTION-RELATED PROJECTS THROUGH MARCH, 1977. NO FURTHER APPROVAL IS REQUIRED TO

DRAW ON THESE FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES FOR EXAMPLE AS THE
INSTALLATION OF SHELVES (PAGE FOUR OF FEBRUARY LETTER).

4. SINCE, UNDER THE PRESENT SCHEDULE CONSTRUCTION
SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF APRIL, SFM OPERATIONS
WILL SOON BECOME ESSENTIALLY A MANAGEMENT TASK AND THE
PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION-RELATED PROJECTS
MORE OR LESS UNNECESSARY. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE PREPARED
TO CONTINUE SOME LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR SUCH PURPOSES
BEYOND MARCH 31 IF YOU WOULD FURNISH A MORE SPECIFIC
IDEA OF JUST WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND.

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